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FBI holds 3 suspects in slaying

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

The FBI on Thursday booked a Miami man captured in Mississippi with obstruction of justice in connection with the machine-gun slaying of drug smuggler Adler "Barry" Seal, according to a spokesman.

City police in Meridian, Miss., arrested Miguel Velez, 37, at 2 30 a.m. Wednesday after a cab in which Velez was a passenger collided with a deer on Interstate 59, FBI Special Agent Ed Grimsley said.

U.S. Attorney Stanford O. Bardwell Jr. said federal authorities continued to examine evidence on two other suspects in the slaying. Those suspects were being held in New Orleans and Miami, while a fourth suspect remained at large.

At a press conference Thursday, Bardwell said federal authorities here were working with city and state police to apprehend the gunmen who shot Seal with automatic weapons shortly before he was scheduled to check into the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center on Airline Highway.

Seal was serving a six-month sentence at the halfway house as part of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors on drug trafficking charges.

He was shot as he parked his Cadillac at the center at about 6 p.m Wednesday Witnesses said two Latin-looking men pulled up in a car and opened fire in what police believe to be a hired killing

Grimsley said officials believe Velez was one of the men in the parking lot when Seal was killed

"We're charging him with conspiracy," Grimsley said "We feel like he was one of the people who were on the scene there

"We have other suspects we are looking at," he said. "They are in federal custody, but they have not been charged in this offense"

Grimsley said Velez was booked with one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice and one count of obstruction of justice

"We had information that he was traveling in a cab from New Orleans on I-59," Grimsley said. "The taxicab ran into a deer on the interstate and had an accident"

Grimsley said Meridian officers recognized the cab from an all points bulletin issued late Wednesday night and made the arrest.

At the press conference, Bardwell said Seal, who was a federal informant in several major drug cases, refused countless offers of protection under the witness protection program

He said numerous conferences were

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held with attorneys for Seal concerning his options as a federal witness before he was confined to the Middle District.

"The most promising option discovered was making available the federal witness protection program," Bardwell said.

Under the program, the U.S. Marshal's Service establishes a new identity, residence and job for witnesses and their families, as well as protection, Bardwell said.

He said Seal repeatedly refused to enter the program, which would have altered his flamboyant lifestyle.

"My impression was that he found it too restrictive on his movements and life style," Bardwell said. "He had to maintain a low profile and change his working habits, and I don't think he was willing to do that."

Bardwell said officials became more alarmed about Seal's safety when it was learned that reputed Colombian cocaine trafficker Jorge Ochoa would be extradited from Spain to the United States to face indictments on drug charges here.

Ochoa, described by law enforcement officials as one of the key men behind Colombia's most powerful cocaine ring, is in prison in Spain awaiting extradition to the United State and Colombia on separate charges. He is accused of shipping large quantities of cocaine from Bolivia and Colombia and running cocaine-processing laboratories in Nicaragua.

Seal was an important witness in that case and "at that time the likelihood of his being in danger heightened," Bardwell said.

"The efforts on our part, I think, heightened the day of and (the day) preceding the hearing," Bardwell said. "In our view the sentencing judge went above and beyond his role and authority in extending to Mr. Seal alternatives that would ensure his protection."

U.S. District Judge Frank J. Polozola sentenced Seal to six months in the halfway house and a five-year suspended sentence.

Seal pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 200 kilograms of cocaine and one count of causing a financial institution not to file a currency transaction report with the federal government.

Other options considered by federal authorities included transferring him to the Northern District of Florida and the Eastern District of New York, he said.

But, Bardwell said, Seal finally entered the halfway house and proceeded to serve his sentence "in his own fashion"

"We regret that incident," Bardwell said about the murder. "I regret it personally I've known Mr. Seal since high school."

Bardwell said officials also had planned to get information from Seal on cocaine trafficking in the Middle District.

He said suspects in Seal's murder could face federal charges of obstruction of justice and possibly violating Seal's civil rights.

Bardwell acknowledged that federal officials in Florida advised Baton Rouge authorities of the dangers of placing Seal in the halfway house but called allegations that the sentence was aimed at setting up Seal "hogwash.

"Seal was a convicted criminal," Bardwell said. "This was his third conviction. He deserved to be prosecuted, and he deserved to be sentenced.

"In terms of punishment for crime, I think he got off fairly easy, in sentencing," Bardwell said. "But nobody is cheering about this."

Bardwell would not speculate on what effect Seal's death will have on pending federal drug cases in which Seal was expected to testify.

Jim Adamcik of the U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agency here said a .45 cal. Mac-10 machine gun and a .9 mm Uzi machine gun, both equipped with silencers, were found where Seal's assassins changed cars.

He said the ATF National Firearms Trace Center has been consulted in tracing the machine guns, which are popular among drug traffickers in south Florida.

"It's a common type of weapon used in assassinations and murders," Adamcik said. "They are heavily used by narcotics traffickers. In south Florida, those things are as common as water."

Adamcik said ATF has not been asked to join the investigation.

City Police spokesman Jeff Wesley said local officials are handling the shooting as a homicide.

"At this point, we're still investigating the case, but much of the investigation is being handled by the FBI and other federal authorities," Wesley said. "We still consider it our case, and we're working it as a homicide."

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More men arrested in slaying

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

The FBI arrested three Colombian Nationals in surburban New Orleans late Friday as additional suspects in the machine-gun slaying of drug-smuggler-turned-informant Adler "Barry" Seal, according to a spokesman

Included among those arrested is Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32, who allegedly rented a 1986 red Cadillac that authorities have called one of the getaway cars used in the slaying, according to court records filed Friday.

Vasquez was charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstruction of justice after being apprehended at an Algiers residence at 6 50 p m Friday, FBI spokesman Cliff Anderson said

Anderson said John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22, and Louis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33, were apprehended at a residence in Marrero

"Cruz and Garcia have been detained as undocumented aliens pending further investigation," Anderson said "All three are believed to be involved in the slaying of Seal "

Anderson said the men were taken without incident during simultaneous raids in Algiers and Marrero by federal agents and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

Weapons confiscated from the men included machine guns similar to those used to in the Seal slaying, Anderson confirmed

Anderson said the three new arrests bring the total number of suspects in custody to six

Three other suspects, who were taken into custody last week, are already being held in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida by federal officials Officials have released the identities of only two of the men.

Miguel Velez, 30, of Colombia, was charged with conspiracy and abstruction of justice after a New Orleans cab he was traveling in hit a deer near Meridian, Miss early Thursday.

Heliberto Sanchez, 27, of Colombia, was taken into custody at a hotel near the New Orleans International Airport after he was unable to board a plane He was booked with being illegally in the United States

A delayed commercial airline flight led to the capture of another Latin American in Miami, whose identity FBI officials have not released

The man, who told officials he is Puerto Rican, was apprehended at Miami International Airport and is being held as a suspected illegal alien

U S Attorney Stanford O Bardwell Jr. last week said another suspect is still at large

FBI agents plan to search the Cadillac, located Thursday in the New Orleans International Airport long-term parking lot, for fingerprints, notes, weapons, clothing and hair fibers as well as other evidence and documents, an affidavit for a search warrant of the car shows

The affadavit said Basquez rented the car from Avis Car Rental in New Orleans on Feb 18 and that the car was to be returned Sunday.

Vasquez had been staying at the Airport Hilton Hotel from Feb. 12 until Feb. 19.

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Murder suspect transferred

By United Press International

BATON ROUGE — One of six suspects in the slaying of a federal drug informant has been returned from Mississippi to face trial on charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice for retaliating against a federal witness, assistant U S Attorney Ian Hipwell said Tuesday.

Miguel Velez, 36, of Colombia was brought to Baton Rouge Monday night after U S Magistrate John Countiss III of Jackson, Miss, ordered federal marshals to make the transfer.

Four other suspects in the Feb 19 gangland slaying of drug smuggler-turned-informant Adler "Barry" Seal made preliminary court appearances Monday in New Orleans.

The sixth suspect, Jose Renteria, who has not been charged in the slaying, is being held as an illegal alien in a Miami detention center.

Seal was shot to death in the parking lot of a Salvation Army treatment center in Baton Rouge, where he was ordered to spend nights and weekends for a money laundering conviction.

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BR man held as witness in Seal slaying

Advocate news services

Local authorities Sunday were holding a material witness in the Feb 19 machine-gun slaying of drug smuggler-turned-informant Barry Seal

Jerry Wayne Evans, 32, of 7361 Airline Highway, was booked by city police as a material witness in the murder case Saturday evening, Downtown Jail booking records show.

The address listed is that of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center outside which Seal was killed.

Officer Jeff Wesley, city police spokesman, said Sunday that authorities would decline to comment on the arrest.

Bond was set by District Judge Joseph Keogh at $50,000.

Federal agents have arrested six suspects in the murder.

U.S. Attorney Stanford Bardwell has said Seal refused to assume a new identity under the federal witness protection program, or to have U S. Marshals serve as bodyguards He said Seal preferred having his own bodyguards instead.

Bardwell said Seal, 45, also was offered the chance to serve time in Florida and New York, but rejected those alternatives because they would have meant 24-hour supervision

"The only alternative was to give him a free walk," Bardwell said.

There were no bodyguards present, not even his own, when he pulled up in his Cadillac last Wednesday night at the Salvation Army center. He was confined there part-time on a six-month sentence for narcotics and bank fraud charges.

Two machine-gun wielding men approached the car and

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sprayed him with gunfire, police said, hitting Seal with 11 bullets

There were no signs of federal officials at the funeral Friday, where the Rev. Joe Hurston eulogized Seal as "a rebel adventurer the likes of which, in previous days, made America great"

There was widespread speculation that Seal laughed at the danger, just as he had during his years flying thousands of pounds of cocaine into the United States

"There was a contract out on him and everybody knew it," said Billy Yout, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Miami. "He was a crucial witness in the biggest case in DEA (U.S Drug Enforcement Administration) history"

Thomas Sclafani, Seal's Miami attorney, said the contract was worth $1 million if Seal were captured alive and taken back to Colombia, and $500,000 if he were killed

Authorities had planned to use Seal as a star witness in the federal drug trial of Jorge Luis Ochoa Vasquez, whom prosecutors say is the leader of the world's biggest cocaine cartel Ochoa currently is in custody in Spain, fighting extradition to Miami

Six Latin Americans, all illegal aliens, have been arrested in Seal's execution-style murder

FBI spokesman Cliff Anderson said three Colombians were apprehended in simultaneous raids Friday night in suburban New Orleans.

He identified them as Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32, John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22, and Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33

Anderson confirmed the raids also yielded machine guns similar to those used to kill Seal, a red 1986 rented Cadillac that is believed to have been a getaway car, and an undisclosed amount of cocaine.

The day before, three others were apprehended They have been identified as Miguel Velez, 36, and Eliberto Sanchez, 27

The third, reportedly named Jose Renteria, is said to have been apprehended at Miami Airport after a flight from New Orleans, but federal officials so far have refused to confirm his name or the circumstances of his arrest.

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Seal suspects face hearings

By Steve Wheeler/
State-Times writer

Hearings are scheduled this afternoon in federal courts in Jackson, Miss., and New Orleans for two of six suspects in custody in the machine-gun slaying of Adler "Barry" Seal, officials said.

Miguel Velez, 36, will be arraigned at 1 p.m in Jackson, according to federal court records filed there. Velez was booked with "retaliation of a witness for information given relating to the commission of federal offenses in the Southern District of Florida," a complaint signed by Baton Rouge federal Judge John Parker said.

In New Orleans, a hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in Federal Magistrate Ivan Lemelle's court for Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32, booked with obstruction of justice in connection with the Seal murder, said FBI agent Cliff Anderson.

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Two other men were arrested in raids in suburban New Orleans Friday night, Anderson said. They were identified as John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22, and Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33, and both were being held as undocumented aliens, Anderson said.

Cardona-Garcia and Quintero-Cruz are being held by immigration officials in New Orleans, he added.

Another man, identified as Jose Renteria, was captured in Miami after he boarded a Delta flight in New Orleans Wednesday night, said Baton Rouge FBI agent Ed Grimsley. The final suspect in the case was identified as Heliberto Sanchez, 27, who is being held by federal authorities in New Orleans, Grimsley said.

Meanwhile, Baton Rouge city police detectives booked a man with being a material witness to the slaying of Seal, 46, who was gunned down as he parked his car at the Salvation Army parking lot on Airline Highway, booking records show.

Bond was set for Jerry Wayne Evans, 32, of 7361 Airline Highway. Evans is one of two main witnesses to the shooting, FBI agents said. He is apparently one of the men questioned at the city police detective's office after the Wednesday night shooting, Grimsley said.

Grimsley said there are currently no plans to arrest the other witness to the shooting.

Grimsley said he did not know if any other individuals are involved in the suspected contract killing, but added the investigation is continuing.

"We have not developed any other suspects at this time," Grimsley said. It is "too soon to tell" if any others might be involved in the killing, he said.

"We are pleased with the success we've had in this case so far," the FBI agent added.

Neither Grimsley nor Anderson would comment on what evidence was seized in a red, four-door, rented Cadillac believed to have been used as a getaway car in the murder. The car was found in the long-term parking lot at the New Orleans International Airport, an affidavit for a search warrant filed Friday said.

Anderson said "a lot of physical evidence" was found in the Cadillac, but he would not elaborate.

The final three suspects arrested in the case — Vasquez, Cardona-Garcia and Quintero-Cruz — were picked up in raids at residences in Algiers and in Marrerro, Anderson said.

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RECOVERED IN THE MURDER VEHICLE WAS A RADIO SHACK REALISTIC PORTABLE FORTY CHANNEL CB RADIO, SERIAL NUMBER 518511, MODEL TRC-216, STOCK NUMBER 21-1663 CONTAINING TEN RADIO SHACK BATTERIES. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, BATON ROUGE AND MIAMI TO TRACE THAT RADIO.

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A DETENTION HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR [redacted] ON MARCH 3, 1986, AT NEW ORLEANS FOLLOWED BY REMOVAL HEARDING AT THATSAME LOCATION ON MARCH 6, 1986.

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INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING, AND THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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COINROLL; MIGUEL VELEZ; [redacted] ADLER B. SEAL - VICTIM; OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER.

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ FEB. 25, 1986, AND TELEPHONE CALL TO LEGAT BOGOTA TO BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, FEB. 26, 1986.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS TELETYPE TO LEGAT BOGOTA VIA TELETYPE.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, MIAMI, AND LEGAT BOGOTA, THE

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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER TO DATE.

CURRENTLY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE AND STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ARE SEEKING A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF [redacted] THE POTENTIAL DEFENDANT CURRENTLY LOCATED AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. b7C

ADDITIONAL EFFORTS ARE BEING DIRECTED TOWARD HAVING PHYSICAL LINE-UPS IN NEW ORLEANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY PROBABLE SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER.

POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO VIEW THESE LINE-UPS ARE [redacted] ALL OF WHOM WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE MURDER SCENE. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH DEPUTY SHERIFFS [redacted] OBSERVED SUBJECTS SWITCH FROM THE MURDER VEHICLE TO THE RED CADILLAC BELIEVED TO BE THE GETAWAY VEHICLE. [redacted] AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH DEPUTY CAPTAIN [redacted] WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE MURDER SCENE AND OBSERVED SUBJECTS AND/OR VEHICLES.

OFFICE PERSONNEL AT THE JAY MOTEL, BATON ROUGE, HAVE PLACED SUBJECT [redacted] IN THAT MOTEL ON THE EARLY MORNING OF FEB. 17, 1986, DRIVING THE LATE MODEL LINCOLN AUTOMOBILE BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER. [redacted] MANAGER AND [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

(ATTENTION: [redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, FBIHQ)

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MIGUEL ~~BLEZ~~ VELEZ, [redacted] ADLER BARRY SEALE - VICTIM; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER; OO: NEW ORLEANS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, CONTACT WITH [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [redacted] REFLECT THAT [redacted]

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ON FEBRUARY 24, 1986, SPOT CHECK WAS CONDUCTED AT [redacted] FLORIDA, AND THE RESIDENCE WAS DETERMINED TO BE VACANT.

INQUIRIES WERE MADE AT THE ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY [redacted] TO SECURITY OFFICIALS, IS OCCUPIED BY [redacted]

ON FEBRUARY 24, 1986, [redacted] AZEEZA APARTMENTS, 155 W. 5TH STREET, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAD BEEN RENTED TO [redacted]

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ON FEBRUARY 24, 1986, EFFORTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT (X) [redacted] FLORIDA, INDIVIDUAL LISTED AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE UZI WITH SERIAL NUMBERS

[redacted] WITH NEGATIVE RESLTS. INQUIRY MADE OF [redacted] VERIFIED THAT [redacted] STILL RESIDES AT THIS LOCATION, BUT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SELL THE RESIDENCE. A VEHICLE IDENTIFIED AS A 1985 BRONCO, FLORIDA LICENSE [redacted] WAS OBSERVED AT THE REAR OF THE HOUSE. DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKS REVEALED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED TO [redacted], DATE OF BIRTH: [redacted] HEIGHT [redacted] RACE: WHITE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [redacted]

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ON FEBRUARY 24, 1986, SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM [redacted] PURSUANT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY MIAMI FBI FOR THE FOLLOWING [redacted]

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AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW OF [redacted] ON FEBRARY 20, 1986, [redacted] FURNISHED A HOME ADDRESS OF [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA, [redacted] WHICH IS NON-EXISTANT. IN ADDITION, AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW, [redacted] HAD TRAVELED TO THE NEW ORLEANS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AUTO PARTS

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AND HAD SAYED AT [redacted] STATED THAT WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS HE HAD CONTACTED AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED ONLY AS [redacted] WHO HAD ASSISTED HIMN LOOKING FOR VARIOUS AUTOMOBILE PARTS. ACCORDING TO [redacted] WORKS AT A TOYOTA DEALERSHIP. AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW, [redacted] FURNISHED A HOME ADDRESSOF [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHICH IS NON-EXISTANT.

ON THE MONING OF FEBRUARY 20, 1986, INS/U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENT [redacted] MADE AN INITIAL STOP OF [redacted] AND DETERMINED THAT [redacted] WAS IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. [redacted] WS SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED INTO CUSTODY BY INS AND TRANSPORTED TO KROME DETENTION CENTER IN MIAMI, FLORIDA.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS [redacted] WAS SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING BEFORE AN IMMIGRATION JUDGE ON FEBRUARY 25, 1986, AT 8:00 A.M.ON FEBRUARY 25, 1986, SA [redacted] APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE WILLIAMS, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION, AND REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE FOR THE BOND HEARING ON [redacted] JUDGE WILLIAMS SET THE MATTER FOR 8:00, ON FEBRUARY 28, 1986.

FOR INFORMAON OF NEW ORLEANS, AUSA ROBERT DUNLAP, TELEPHONE

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[redacted] COMMERCIAL (305) 536-5457, IS ASSISTING MIAMI WITH PTIONED MATTER IN MIAMI FLORIDA.

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TO NEW YORK ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR [redacted]

MIGUEL VELEZ, AKA ET AL; ADLER B. SEAL-VICTIM; OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION; OOJ-MURDER; OO: NEW ORLEANS b7C

RE BATON ROUGE, LA. TELCALL TO SUPERVISOR [redacted] NEW YORK, FEB. 27, 1986.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, ONE [redacted] IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., RELATING TO THE MURDER OF ADLER B. SEAL, CONVICTED INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLER AND KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF THE COLOMBIA [redacted] DRUG CARTEL. b3

BY SEPARATE COVER, A SUBPOENA IS BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO [redacted] b7C

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NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO FOWARD RECORDS, WHEN OBTAINED, DIRECTLY TO THE ATTENTION TO SA [redacted] BATON ROUGE, LA. 70821. b7C

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MIGUEL VELEZ, AKA ET AL; ADLER B. SEAL-VICTIM; OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION; OOJ-MURDER; OO: NEW ORLEANS

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ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL, ET AL, OCDE TASK FORCE, NARCOTICS MATTER. OO: NEW ORLEANS.

ON FEB. 19, 1986, ADLER BERRIMAN SEAL, AKA BARRY SEAL, WAS MACHINE GUNNED ON A "CONTRACT KILLING" IN BATON ROUGE, LA., BY TWO LATIN MALES. THROUGH INVESTIGATION IN NEW ORLEANS, BATON ROUGE AND MIAMI, SIX SUSPECTS OF A CONSPIRACY ARE UNDER CUSTODY. [redacted] MIGUEL VELEZ, DOB JUNE 7, 1949 OR JULY 7, 1949, [redacted] DOB [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] HAS LEFT A PAPER TRAIL THROUGH THE USE OF HIS AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD, NUMBER [redacted] AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PURCHASE AIRLINE TICKET (S) WITH THIS CARD THROUGH PIEDMONT AIRLINES ON FEB. 12, 1986, AT WINSTON-SALEM AIRPORT.

CHARLOTTE DIVISION AT GREENSBORO (RA), NORTH CAROLINA. CHECK WITH PIEDMONT AIRLINES OFFICIALS WITH REGARDS TO FLIGHT INFORMATION FOR [redacted] OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS AFOREMENTIONED, ON OR AROUND FEB. 12, 1986. b7C

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On February 20, 1986, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Special Agent (SA) [redacted] was advised by SERVICE CAB Representative [redacted] that cab driver [redacted] who had been transporting MIGUEL VELEZ to Alabama, had telephoned him to report that he had struck a deer near Meridian, Mississippi, and that his fare, MIGUEL VELEZ, had been arrested.

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by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 2/24/86

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On February 20, 1986, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New Orleans Division, received oral authority from Chief Strike Force Attorney [redacted] to issue a administrative subpoena requesting the HILTON HOTEL records for any and all individuals registered in room 270 and 269, or anyone by the name of VELEZ.

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The records showed that an individual by the name of [redacted] had originally checked into the hotel on February 12, 1986, and had checked out at 7:32 p.m., on February 19, 1986. [redacted] had been in room 270. An individual by the name of [redacted] had checked out of room 268 on February 19, 1986, at 7:32 p.m. Hotel records also reveal that MIGUEL VELEZ had checked into the HILTON HOTEL in room 312 on February 16, 1986, and had checked out on February 17, 1986, at 1:50 p.m., only to register again for one night on February 19, 1986, at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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by SA SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 2/24/86

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COINROLL; MIGUEL VELEZ, AKA ET AL; ADLER B. SEAL-VICTIM; OCDE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION; OOJ-MURDER

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND JACKSON, FEB. 26, 1986.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., HAS RESULTED IN THE POSITIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT [redacted] AS BEING WITH SUBJECT [redacted] AT THE HILTON HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, ON FEB. 19, 1986, SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF SEAL. b7C

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A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF [redacted] WAS ISSUED BY USDJ JOHN V. PARKER, MDLA, BATON ROUGE, ON FEB. 27, 1986, AND COPIES IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO THE USA AND USM, MIAMI. b7C

SUBJECT MIGUEL VELEZ WAS PROVIDED HIS INITIAL APPEARANCE BEFORE USDJ PARKER ON FEB. 27, 1986, AND ORDERED HELD WITHOUT BOND PENDING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS IN THE MDLA.

A SEARCH FOR MIGUEL VELEZ TO PROVIDE HAIR SAMPLES, BLOOD SAMPLES, SALIVA SAMPLES, WAS ISSUED BY USDJ PARKER ON FEB. 27, 1986. [redacted] BEING ORDERED BY FGJ SUBPOENA. ADDITIONAL SEARCH WARRANTS AND SUBPOENAS TO OBTAIN THE SAME INFORMATION FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL FOUR DEFENDANTS IN NEW ORLEANS ARE.BEING OBTAINED. b3 b7C

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT, BOGATA [redacted]
BORN [redacted] HAS CEDULA NUMBER [redacted] b7C
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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THIS TELETYPE TO LEGAT, BOGATA BY TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING AND INVOLVED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Bush to seek murder indictments against 2 men held in Seal case

By Steve Wheeler/
State-Times writer

Suspect complains cell cold, see story Page 8-A

District Attorney Bryan Bush said today he will seek first-degree murder indictments next week against two men being held in connection with the machine-gun slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal.

There is no federal statute for murder, and Bush said if the East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury returns true bills, trials could start "in a month or so."

In a related development, Attorney General William Guste said Monday afternoon he will meet with U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese to request a review of how federal authorities handled cases involving Seal, who Guste said should have been afforded "all manner of protection."

Guste said his request is aimed at the actions of U.S. Justice Department officials in Washington, D.C, who had final say on how the cases would be handled

Justice Department spokesman Dean St Dennis said Meese's office indicated Guste has requested an appointment, but St Dennis would not comment on the request for a review of the handling of the cases.

U.S Attorney Stanford Bardwell said he has already requested such a review in a telephone conversation with Deputy U.S. Attorney General Lowell Jensen.

A telephone call to U.S. Judge Frank Polozola's office resulted in a secretary saying the judge would have no comment on the Seal case Polozola sentenced Seal, 46, to six months at the Salvation Army after Seal pled guilty to causing a financial institution not to file a currency transaction report, records show.

Bush said he had hoped to start the grand jury probe today, but will probably have to wait until "a week from Thursday."

Bush said he has met with federal authorities, who told him they needed more time to process evidence and develop cases against the suspects

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Bush said he expects that all six suspects being held in connection with the killing will eventually be moved to Baton Rouge

One suspect, Miguel Velez, 36, was moved to the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison at 5 p.m. Tuesday after a removal hearing in Jackson, Miss., booking records show. Velez, who is cited in a federal complaint for "retaliation of a witness for information given relating to the commission of federal offenses in the Southern District of Florida," is being held without bond.

Other suspects being held in the case have been identified by officials as Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32; John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22; Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33; Heriberto Sanchez, 27; all being held in New Orleans, and Jose Renteria, who is being held in Miami.

Federal documents revealed that fingerprints belonging to Velez and Vasquez were found in both a late-model Buick and a rented red Cadillac Deville which are believed to have been involved in the getaway.

"I want an air-tight case," Bush said of the grand jury investigation into the murder.

Bush said he will call several people to testify at the grand jury, including two witnesses to the shooting, sheriff's deputies who witnessed two men changing cars at a bingo hall on Maribel Drive after the shooting, as well as state police laboratory personnel who examined cars believed to have been involved in the getaway.

Bush said there was another witness to the shooting, a woman riding a bicycle in the area

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Velez believed one of two gunmen in Seal's slaying, testimony reveals

By Howard Hoffman/
State-Times writer

Federal authorities believe that Miguel Velez was one of two gunmen at the scene of the machine-gun slaying of Adler "Barry" Seal, testimony at Velez's detention hearing indicates.

FBI Special Agent Jerry L. Phipps testified Monday before U.S. Magistrate John R. Countiss III in Jackson, Miss., that eyewitnesses to the shooting provided a description of one of the gunmen that matched Velez's appearance later that evening.

Phipps testified also that Velez's fingerprints matched fingerprints found in two cars identified as the getaway vehicles. And Velez had a key to one of the cars when he was arrested, Phipps said.

Asked if any of the five other suspects in the case had implicated Velez in the murder, Phipps squirmed uncomfortably in his seat for a few seconds.

When neither Phipps nor either attorney spoke, Countiss asked Phipps, "Are you squirming because that is part of an ongoing investigation?"

Phipps hestitated, then said, yes.

Countiss turned next to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nick Phillips and told him when his witness begins squirming on the witness stand that should be his signal to object to the question.

Countiss permitted Phillips' objection and Phipps did not say whether or not any of the others had implicated Velez.

But under questioning from court-appointed defense attorney Bobby Snead, Phipps admitted that they have not matched fingerprints from a .45-caliber machine pistol or an Uzi 9mm parabellum pistol to Velez's prints. The two automatic weapons, believed to have been used by Seal's assailants, were found in the rented Buick automobile the gunmen drove from the Salvation Army halfway house parking lot where Seal was slain.

The prints have been compared, Phipps said, but "to my knowledge" they don't match and ballistics tests on the weapons have not yet been completed.

Phipps told Snead also that preliminary investigations have revealed no previous criminal record for Velez.

Countiss ordered Velez held without bond and ordered that he be transferred to the federal Middle District of Louisiana, headquartered in Baton Rouge, to await formal charges.

Velez was booked into the Downtown Jail here at 5 p.m. Monday. The federal complaint against him cites him for "retaliation of a witness for information relating to the commission of federal offenses in the Southern District of Florida."

Seal was shot with automatic weapons by two men about 6 p.m. on Feb. 19, as he parked his car at the Salvation Army on Airline Highway. Seal was spending his nights at the Salvation Army halfway house under the terms of his probation for drug and currency charges.

Phipps said Seal was expected to be a key witness in a drug-smuggling case against Pablo Escobar Gaviria.

FBI agents first approached Velez at 8:45 p.m. the night of the shooting at the Eastern Airlines ticket counter at the New Orleans Airport, where he was attempting to buy a ticket to Miami, Phipps said. He was wearing clothes like those described by the witnesses and matched the physical description. Phipps testified the agents lacked proper evidence to detain him and allowed him to go.

Later, when the descriptions of the assailants were updated, they attempted to find Velez, Phipps said, but discovered he already had left.

Velez was arrested after his taxi struck a deer on Interstate 59 near Meridian, Miss., and a policeman recognized Velez from a bulletin to law enforcement officers.

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Seal slaying suspect complains of cold cell, solitary confinement

By Edward Pratt/
State-Times writer

NEW ORLEANS — Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, a suspect in the machine-gun slaying of Adler "Barry" Seal, stunned court-watchers Monday when he told a federal judge that his jail cell was too cold and he did not like solitary confinement.

"It's cold there and I have no blankets," Vasquez said.

Vasquez, who identified himself as a soccer referee, was one of four people arraigned in federal court here who are believed to be connected with Seal's shooting death last Wednesday.

Three other men went before U.S. Magistrate Ivan Lemelle. They were all being accused of illegally entering the country.

The men were identified as John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz and Heriberto Sanchez-Cardenas.

All four, natives of Colombia, were ordered held without bond. Three of them will face a detention hearing March 3 at 2 p.m.

Cardenas' detention hearing was set for Friday at 2 p.m.

The three are accused of "willfully and knowingly entering the United States at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers."

Vasquez, 32, is accused of tampering with a witness by intimidation or physical force and possession of a firearm.

Fingerprints matching those of Vasquez and another suspect, Miguel Velez, were found in both a late-model Buick and a rented Cadillac believed to be the vehicles used in the killing of Seal.

Velez, 36, originally from Puerto Rico, was returned to Baton Rouge from Jackson, Miss., on orders of U.S. Magistrate John Countiss III. Velez will face charges of conspiracy and retaliating against a federal witness.

"It's cold there. I have no blankets. I've only had a bath one time in three days," Vasquez told Lemelle, with the assistance of an interpreter.

Lemelle told Vasquez he could file complaints if he felt his civil rights were being violated.

"Prison is not meant to be a luxury of any sort," Lemelle said.

The judge approved a motion by the federal government to keep Vasquez in jail on grounds that he might seek to leave the country and that he is "dangerous."

Cardona-Garcia, 22, who said he was a bartender in Colombia, appeared anxious about getting an attorney and setting his trial date. "What do I do if I don't have enough money to pay for one (attorney)?" Cardona-Garcia asked the judge.

When asked if he understood his legal situation, Cardona-Garcia told the interpreter, "Yes ma'am. When is the trial?"

Quintero-Cruz, 33, answered the same question by saying that it meant "I'm illegal, that's all." Quintero-Cruz had refused to be interviewed by probation officers.

He also questioned the judge, saying, "I've been incommunicado since Friday, and I don't know why."

After he was told he would be kept in jail instead of having a bond set, Sanchez-Cardenas asked, "What's the reason I would flee?"

Lemelle quickly responded, telling Sanchez-Cardenas to stop talking until he was represented by an attorney.

Records show that Sanchez-Cardenas, 27, is a college graduate, and a superviser in a textile factory in Colombia called Statexco. He has a wife and two children, records show.

Records also show that Sanchez-Cardenas had $2,000 in cash on him when he was arrested.

Attorneys were appointed by the court for all of the suspects.

All of the men, except Sanchez-Cardenas, were very cordial with the interpreter, often responding "Yes ma'am" and "No, ma'am" to questions she posed for Lemelle.

Cardona-Garcia and Quintero-Cruz were arrested Friday at a home in Marrero. Vasquez was arrested in Algiers.

Seal, 46, was gunned down while he sat in his car outside a Salvation Army halfway house on Airline Highway. Seal, a convicted drug smuggler, had been ordered to spend his nights for six months in the halfway house as part of a sentence imposed by U.S. District Judge Frank J. Polozola.

In past years, Seal had been an informant in several federal drug cases and had been expected to cooperate with the government on a large drug-smuggling case in Miami when he was killed.

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, ON FEBRUARY 28, 1986, MIAMI EXUTED A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT ON [redacted] AT KROME DETENTION CENTER, MIAMI, FLORIDA. [redacted] WAS IN TRANSFER TO THE CUSTODY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE BY MIAMI FBI, AND IS SCHEDULED FOR AN INITIAL APPEARANCE BEFORE MAGISTRATE SMARGON

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AT 2:ØØ P.M. ON FEBRUARY 28, 1986. PURSUANT TO THE ARREST WARRANT, A SUITCASE BELONGING TO [redacted] WAS SECURED INCIDENT TO ARREST AND IS IN CUSTODY OF THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE. INVENTORY OF SAID SUITCASE DISCLOSED A PACKAGE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PLASTIC CONTAINER HOLDING THREE MENS BRIEFS WITH [redacted] LOT NUMBER LHØ12SD PURCHASED BY 699. IT IS NOTED THAT THE CURRENCY IN POSSESSION OF [redacted] AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST TOTALED APPROXIMATELY !2,100. FOLLOWING HIS INS DETENTION, [redacted] WAS TRANSFERED TO THE KROME DETENTION CENTER AND HIS MONEY WAS PLACED IN A GENERAL FUND VAULT. AT THE TIME THAT [redacted] WAS ARRESTED ON THE MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT, [redacted] WAS FURNISHED ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS INCLUDING THE !2,100. IT IS NOTED THAT INS POLICY AT KROME DETENTION CENTER DOES NOT REQUIRE THE INMATE BE RETURNED THE EXACT SAME CURRENCY DEPOSITED. THE MONEY WAS OBTAINED FROM A GENERAL FUND, THEREFORE, [redacted] WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH THE SAME BILLS IN HIS POSSESSION AT THE TIME WAS RECEIVED AT KROME DETENTION CENTER. THE SUITCASE AND ITS CONTENTS WERE INVENTORED BY MIAMI FBI AND ARE BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION.

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ON FEBRURY 28, 1986, [redacted] APPEARED BEFORE MAGISTRATE

[redacted] FOR AN INITIAL APPEARANCE IN CONNECTION TO THE MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT. AT THAT TIME, A BOND HEARING WAS RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, AND A REMOVAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 1986. b7C

NEW ORLEANS IS FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 28, 1986, AN ARREST WARRANT AND SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS (X [redacted] OF THE BROADWAY BOUTIQUE, 3111 NORTHWEST FOURTH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA. ATF MIAMIIDENTIFIED THE BROADWAY BOUTIQUE AS THE SELLER OF THE MACK 10 PURCHASED BY [redacted] IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS A CUBAN MALE, DAT OF BIRTH [redacted] LOCAL ADDRESS [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE [redacted] HEIGHT [redacted], WEIGHT [redacted] POUNDS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted] b7C

SEARCH CONDUCTED OF THE PREMISES DISCLOSED RECORDS WHICH REFLECT WEAPONS PURCHASES BY [redacted] IT IS NOTED THAT [redacted] AT THE TIME OF INTRVIEW, VERIFIED THAT [redacted] AND [redacted] HAD PURCHASED WEAPONS AT THE BUSINESS ON DIFFERENT DATES.

REVIEW OF MIAMI FILE 9A-3779 DISCLOSED THAT [redacted]

IS THE SUBJECT OF AN EXORTION MATTER AND WAS ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 10, 1984. MIAMI MATTER RELATING TO THE EXTORTION IS STILL PENDING AS [redacted] HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED TO ENTER A GUILTY PLEA AND DURING THEWEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 1985, CHANGED HIS MIND. [redacted] IS DESCRIBED AS A CUBAN MALE, DOB OF [redacted] HEIGHT [redacted] WEIGHT [redacted], HAIR BROWN, EYES BROWN, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted] PLACE OF BIRTH [redacted] ALIAS [redacted] ADDRESS [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] LISTED EMPLOYMENT AS AUTOMATED OFFICE SUPPLIES, INC., 1913 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA. WIFE IS IDENTIFIED AS [redacted], AND NEW ORLEANS IS ADVISED THA [redacted] WAS THE SUBJECT OF [redacted]

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NEW ORLEANS IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTODY IN CONECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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MIAMI WILL EFFECT ARREST ON [redacted] AND [redacted] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL FOLLOW REMOVAL HEARINGS RELATING TO [redacted]

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Seal was shot to death behind the wheel of his Cadillac as he parked in front of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center last Wendesday

He was serving a six-month sentence at the half-way house as part of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors on drug trafficking and bank fraud charges

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1. Affiant, [redacted] is employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been so employed for fifteen years. Affiant is assigned to the New Orleans Division and has worked narcotics and related violations for the past four years.

2. Information contained in this affidavit was provided by other Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies.

3. On February 19, 1986, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Adler B. Seal was shot to death at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by two unknown assailants. One assailant was described by two witnesses at the murder scene as follows:

4. A white male, Latin in appearance, approximately 6'0" to 6'1" in height, wearing a light brown long sleeved shirt and light blue "baggy" trousers, with dark short slightly wavy hair, and weighing 180-195 pounds. This person was described by one witness as having a slight mustache.

5. Adler B. Seal was known to be a potential witness in a criminal action in the Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida, United States of America v. Pablo Escobar Gaviria, et. al. At approximately 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 1986, East Baton Rouge Parish Deputy Sheriff [redacted] observed b7C two unknown individuals exit a late model Buick automobile, approximately

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one-quarter mile from the murder scene, and enter a late model red General Motors 4-door automobile, and speed from the scene. Examination of the abandoned vehicle disclosed two automatic weapons. The car which sped away had no license plates but appeared to have a new car price sticker attached to a rear window.

6. At approximately 8:45 p.m. on February 19, 1986, FBI [redacted] Agents [redacted] observed one Miguel Velez approach the Eastern Airline ticket counter at New Orleans International Airport and inquire about flights to Miami. Velez was told no flights were available and inquired about flights to Orlando, Florida. Velez was questioned by the above-named FBI agents and displayed an Eastern Airline round trip ticket which showed his arrival in New Orleans on February 16, 1986, with return to Miami on February 28, 1986. Velez appeared extremely nervous, hesitant in his speech and was perspiring. Velez stated he was in New Orleans on vacation but disclaimed knowledge of persons in New Orleans. He stated he needed to return to Miami due to family problems. Velez claimed to reside in Miami, did not have a home telephone, but had a "beeper" device rented from a Miami company. Velez was described as approximately 6'0" in height, Latin in appearance, dark curly short hair, a slight mustache, born 6/7/49 at Puerto Rico. He had a U.S. Passport with date indicating prior travel to Colombia, South America. Velez was wearing a white shirt, white shoes, with aqua colored "baggy" trousers. Velez was carrying a folding "carry-on" type garment bag. b7C

7. The above Special Agents then determined that Velez went to his room in the Hilton Hotel, Airline Highway, New Orleans, and departed without checking out for Montgomery, Alabama, via taxie, approximately 9:15 p.m.

8. Early in the morning on February 20, 1986, at Meridian, Mississippi, Lt. [redacted] Meridian Police Department was investigating an accident involving a Louisiana taxi that had struck an animal. The passenger in the vehicle was one Miguel Velez. Velez had in his possession an Avis Car Rental key ring with automobile keys listing the automobile as a four-door Cadillac Deville, Avis number 8055.

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9. On February 20, 1986, a representative of Avis Car Rental, New Orleans, advised that their rental car 8055 is a 1986, four-door red Cadillac Deville, temporary Louisiana License T0362076, rented on February 18, 1986, to [redacted] Florida, with a return date of February 23, 1986.

10. Records of the Airport Hilton, Kenner, Louisiana, reflect that [redacted] Florida, checked into room 270 on February 12, 1986, and checked out on February 19, 1986, at 8:17 p.m. Hotel records reflect that Miguel Velez, 1500 Northwest 52nd Street, Miami, Florida, checked into room 312 on February 16, 1986, and checked out on February 17, 1986, at 2:32 p.m. On February 19, 1986, Miguel Velez checked into room 269 at approximately 9:00 p.m., according to hotel employees. Room 269 was secured by hotel employees.

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11. FBI Special Agents [redacted] observed a Latin male in the lobby of the Airport Hilton at approximately 9:15 p.m., on February 19, 1986. Hotel employees advised that the Latin male was with Miguel Velez on February 18, 1986, and had just inquired as to the location of the individual registered in room 269 (Miguel Velez).

Special Agents [redacted] questioned the individual in the lobby who stated he [redacted] was from [redacted] was in the United States illegally and was merely in New Orleans enroute to Boston, Massachusetts to visit [redacted] When asked who he knew in New Orleans, b7C
[redacted] refused to answer any further questions. [redacted] was subsequently arrested by the U.S. Border Patrol regarding being in the United States illegally. Subsequent to his arrest, U.S. Border Patrol officers inventoried his luggage and found two rolls of 35mm film. [redacted] admitted to the U.S. Border Patrol that he was actually from [redacted] and claimed his name is [redacted]

12. On February 20, 1986, the 1986 red Cadillac, four-door, bearing temporary Louisiana License [redacted] Avis Rental vehicle was located parked in Lot A (long term parking) at the New Orleans International Airport by officers of the Kenner Police Department.

12A. On February 20, 1986, inquiry at Budget Rental Car, New Orleans International Airport, Kenner, Louisiana, determined that [redacted] Florida, rented a 1986 dark blue Lincoln Towncar, four-door, bearing temporary Louisiana License [redacted] b7C

12B. On February 20, 1986, Special Agents of the FBI observed a dark blue Lincoln Towncar, four-door, bearing temporary Louisiana License [redacted] parked in the 100 block of Pinewood Court, New Orleans, Louisiana, at approximately 8:30 p.m.

12C. On February 20, 1986, it was determined that suitcases located in the late model Buick containing the automatic weapons were purchased at Anthony's, 2534 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana, on February 17, 1986, or February 18, 1986. An employee of Anthony's recalled two Latin males driving a late model blue Lincoln Towncar making the purchase.

13. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained an oral authorization to arrest [redacted] b7C regarding violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 2 and 1513.

14. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] enter the residence at [redacted] Louisiana, described as a one-story, red brick, single family dwelling, black roof, white door located in the center front of the residence, with the numbers [redacted] appearing beside the front door, on February 21, 1986, at or about 4:55 p.m.

15. It is requested that a search warrant be issued to search the residence at [redacted] Louisiana, described as a one-story, red brick, single family dwelling, black roof, white door located in the center front of the b7C residence, with the numbers [redacted] appearing beside the front door. The residence should contain the person of [redacted] and may well contain evidence of violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, 2, and 1513, including but

not limited to, latent fingerprints of known and unknown subjects, telephone numbers, notes, weapons, identification papers of other subjects, hair and fiber, clothing matching that worn by assailants, airline tickets and other documentary evidence.

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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SEARCH WARRANT ON WRITTEN AFFIDAVIT

United States District Court	DISTRICT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. [redacted]	DOCKET NO. 86-3-3 A	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO
	TO Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement officials	

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Affidavit(s) having been made before me by the below-named affiant that he/she has reason to believe that (on the person of) ~~(on the premises known as)~~ [redacted]

in the Eastern District of Louisiana there is now being concealed certain property, namely

Hair from each person's head and hands, blood and saliva evidence in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 1513 and 2.

DUPLICATE

and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the person or premises above-described and the grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist as stated in the supporting affidavit(s),

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before of March 13, 1986 (not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6 00 A M to 10 00 P M) ~~(at any time in the day or night)*~~ ~~and if the~~ property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the property seized and promptly return this warrant to RONALD A. FONSECA UNITED as required by law. Federal Judge or U S Magistrate

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NAME OF AFFIANT	SIGNATURE OF JUDGE OR US MAGISTRATE	DATE/TIME ISSUED
[redacted]	[signature]	March 3, 1986 2:05 PM

*If a search is to be authorized "at any time in the day or night" pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 41(c), show reasonable cause therefor

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INVENTORY MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY TAKEN PURSUANT TO THE WARRANT

DUPLICATE

CERTIFICATION

I swear that this inventory is a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me on the warrant

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Subscribed, sworn to, and returned before me this date

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Federal Judge or U S Magistrate *Date*

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AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

United States District Court	DISTRICT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA	
United States of America vs [redacted]	DOCKET NO. 86-3-3A-	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO.
	NAME AND ADDRESS OF JUDGE[1] OR FEDERAL MAGISTRATE ~~Louis Moore, Jr.~~ Ronald A. Fonseca United States Magistrate Eastern District of Louisiana New Orleans, Louisiana b7C	

The undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says: That he/she has reason to believe that

☒ on the person of ☐ on the premises known as	DISTRICT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

[redacted]

The following property is concealed:

Hair from each person's head and hands, blood and saliva evidence in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 1513 and 2.

Affiant alleges the following grounds for search and seizure[2]

DUPLICATE

☒ See attached affidavit which is incorporated as part of this affidavit for search warrant

Affiant states the following facts establishing the foregoing grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant

See attached affidavit ---

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SIG[redacted]	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF ANY SA, FBI

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence:

DATE March 3, 1986	JUDGE[1] OR FEDERAL MAGISTRATE [signature]

[1] United States Judge or Judge of a State Court of Record.
[2] If a search is to be authorized "at any time in the day or night" pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 41(c), show reasonable cause therefor

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1. Affiant [redacted] is employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been so employed for 15 years. Affiant is assigned to the New Orleans Division and has worked narcotics and related violations for the past four years. b7C

2. Information contained in this affidavit was provided by other Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Adminstration, United States Border Patrol, and other law enforcement agencies.

2A. The following individuals now in custody in Louisiana are suspects and/or material witnesses in the murder of Adler B. Seal: [redacted]

3. On February 19, 1986, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Adler B. Seal was shot to death at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by two unknown assailants. One assailant was described by two witnesses at the murder scene as follows:

4. A white male, Latin in appearance, approximately 6'0" to 6'1" in height, wearing a light brown long-sleeved shirt and light blue "baggy" trousers, with dark short slightly wavy hair, and weighing 180-195 pounds. This person was

described by one witness as having a slight mustache. The second assailant was described as a Latin appearing male, dark in complexion, in his late twenties or early thirties, 5'5" to 5'6" in height, and stocky build. The two assailants drove from the scene in a late model Buick automobile.

5. Adler B. Seal was known to be a potential witness in a criminal action in the Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida. United States of America v. Pablo Escobar Gaviria, et al. Drug Enforcement Administration agents have told me that confidential informants of DEA have told them that in August, 1984, a Colombian drug cartel placed a contract for the murder of Adler B. Seal because of potential testimony by Seal in the above case.

6. At approximately 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 1986, East Baton Rouge Parish Deputy Sheriff [redacted] observed two unknown individuals exit a late model Buick automobile, approximately one-quarter mile from the murder scene, and enter a late model red General Motors 4-door automobile and speed from the scene. Examination of the abandoned vehicle disclosed an unregistered automatic weapon with obliterated serial numbers and another semi-automatic weapon and two silencers. The car which sped away had no license plates but appeared to have a new car price sticker attached to a rear window. b7C

7. At approximately 8:45 p.m. on February 19, 1986, FBI Special Agents [redacted] oberved one Miguel Velez approach the Eastern Airline ticket counter at

New Orleans International Airport and inquire about flights to Miami. Velez was told no flights were available and inquired about flights to Orlando, Florida. Velez was questioned by the above-named FBI agents and displayed an Eastern Airline round-trip ticket which showed his arrival in New Orleans on February 16, 1986, with return to Miami on February 28, 1986. Velez appeared extremely nervous, hesitant in his speech and was perspiring. Velez stated he was in New Orleans on vacation but disclaimed knowledge of persons in New Orleans. He stated he needed to return to Miami due to family problems. Velez claimed to reside in Miami, did not have a home telephone, but had a "beeper" device rented from a Miami company. Velez was described as approximately 6'0" in height, Latin in appearance, dark curly short hair, a slight mustache, born 6/7/49 at Puerto Rico. He had a United States Passport with date indicating prior travel to Colombia, South America. Velez was wearing a white shirt, white shoes, with aqua colored "baggy" trousers. Velez was carrying a folding "carry-on" type garmet bag.

8. The above Special Agents then determined that Velez went to his room in the Hilton Hotel, Airline Highway, New Orleans, and departed without checking out for Montgomery, Alabama, via taxi at approximately 9:15 p.m.

9. Early in the morning on February 20, 1986, at Meridian, Mississippi, [redacted] Meridian Police Department was investigating an accident involving a Louisiana taxi that had struck an animal. The passenger in the vehicle was b7C

one Miguel Velez. Velez had in his possession an Avis Car Rental key ring with automobile keys listing the automibile as a four-door Cadillac Deville, Avis Number 8055.

10. On February 20, 1986, a representative of Avis Car Rental, New Orleans, advised that their rental car 8055 is a 1986, four-door red Cadillac Deville, temporary Louisiana license T0362076, rented on February 18, 1986, to [redacted] Florida, with a return date of February 23, 1986.

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11. Records of the Airport Hilton, Kenner, Louisiana, reflect that [redacted] Florida, checked into Room 270 on February 12, 1986, and checked out on February 19, 1986, at 8:17 p.m. Hotel records reflect that Miguel Velez, 1500 Northwest 52nd Street, Miami, Florida, checked into Room 312 on February 16, 1986, and checked out on February 17, 1986, at 2:32 p.m. On February 19, 1986, Miguel Velez checked into Room 269 at approximately 9:00 p.m., according to hotel employees. Room 269 was secured by hotel employees.

12. On February 20, 1986, inquiries made at Budget Rental Car, New Orleans International Airport, Kenner, Louisiana disclosed that on February 16, 1986 at approximately 7:00 p.m. [redacted] Florida, rented a 1986 blue Lincoln Towncar, bearing temporary Louisiana license plate [redacted]

13. According to an employee of the Hilton Hotel, New Orleans, on the night of February 19, 1986, a Latin-looking male driving a late model blue Lincoln automobile inquired of that employee as to what was happening at the hotel concerning police activity. That Latin male explained that he had a friend at the hotel who was illegally in the United States and that probably was the reason for the police activity.

14. On February 20, 1986, it was determined that suitcases located in the late model Buick containing the automatic weapons were purchased at Anthony's 2345 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana, on February 17, 1986, or February 18, 1986. An employee of Anthony's recalled two Latin males driving a late model blue Lincoln Towncar making the purchase.

15. Subsequent examination of the Buick and the red Cadillac automobiles revealed that latent fingerprint impressions located on both vehicles had been identified with fingerprints of Miguel Velez, [redacted] Additionally, latent fingerprint impressions of [redacted] have been found on the Cadillac. b7C

16. FBI Special Agents [redacted] observed a Latin male in the lobby of the Airport Hilton at approximately 9:15 p.m. on February 19, 1986. Hotel employees advised that the Latin male was seen with persons they knew to be registered as Miguel Velez and [redacted] on February 18, 1986, and had just inquired as to the location of

the individual registered in Room 269 (Miguel Velez). Special Agents [redacted] questioned the individual in the lobby who stated he was [redacted] b7C

arrested in New Orleans. He was found to have the passport of [redacted] in his possession.

17. On February 20, 1986, the 1986 red Cadillac, four-door bearing temporary Louisiana License T0362076, Avis Rental vehicle, was located parked in Lot A (long-term parking) at the New Orleans International Airport by officers of the Kenner Police Department.

18. On February 25, 1986, I was informed by a Louisiana State Police Crime Lab specialist that a particular blood type was detected on a cigarette recovered from the Buick automobile used in the murder of Adler B. Seal.

19. On February 21, 1986, I was informed that a search of the red Cadillac, pursuant to court-ordered warrant, revealed Avis Rent-A-Car receipts for the rental of that car and another automobile, both purportedly signed by [redacted]

20. On February 23, 1986, [redacted] the Jay Motel, Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, provided copies of motel registration cards in February 1986 purportedly containing handwriting of [redacted] and others. b7C

21. On February 21, 1986, I was informed by Louisiana State Police Crime Lab officials that four baseball-type caps were found in the Buick automobile, at least one of which has strands of human hair attached or affixed thereto. Also located in that vehicle were two pairs of gloves which may contain hair.

22. Passports and documents relating to [redacted] reveal that all three came from Medillin Colombia. All three individuals travelled to Panama on February 8, 1986, and into Mexico on the same date. Their subsequent entry into and travel within the United States is undocumented.

23. It is requested that a search warrant be issued commanding the obtaining of blood, head and hand hair, and saliva samples from the bodies of [redacted] b7C

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Bush to take Seal slaying to grand jury

First-degree murder indictments will be sought next week against two men being held in connection with the machine gun slaying of drug informant Adler "Barry" Seal, District Attorney Bryan Bush said Tuesday.

Bush said if the East Baton Rouge Parish grand jury returns indictments, trials could start "in a month or so."

There is no federal statute for murder, so the case will be handled in the state system.

"I want to coordinate with the federal people," Bush said "You can't have a witness killed like that."

Bush said he plans to seek first-degree murder indictments against two men that witnesses said gunned Seal down, and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder indictments against others held as suspects in the case.

If anyone is indicted and convicted of murder, Bush said he plans to ask for the death penalty.

Bush said he expects all six suspects being held in connection with the killing will eventually be moved to Baton Rouge.

Miguel Velez, 36, was transferred to the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison at 5 p m. Tuesday after a removal hearing in Jackson, Miss.

Velez, who is cited in a federal complaint for "retaliation of a witness for information given relating to the commission of federal offenses in the Southern District of Florida," is being held without bond.

Other suspects being held in the case have been identified by officials as Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32; John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22; Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33; Heribero Sanchez, 27; all being held in New Orleans, and Jose Renteria, who is being held in Miami.

Bush said he will call several people to testify before the grand jury, including two witnesses to the shooting and sheriff's deputies who witnessed two men changing cars at a bingo hall on Maribel Drive after the shooting. State police laboratory personnel who examined the cars believed to have been involved in the getaway are also scheduled to testify.

Bush said there was another witness to the shooting, a woman riding her bicycle in the area.

Seal was shot to death behind the wheel of his Cadillac as he parked in front of the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center last Wednesday.

He was serving a six-month sentence at the half-way house as part of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors on drug trafficking and bank fraud charges.

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On February 20, 1986, the following evidentiary items were received from SA [redacted] of the Jackson, Mississippi, Division of the FBI. These items were removed from MIGUEL VELEZ: b7C

$3,275.41 in U.S. Currency;

One Eastern Airlines ticket #0074472098186;

One Columbian Peso (bill);

One gold necklace with cross pendant;

One cloth cord Madonna necklace;

One Atomic Absorption Analysis Kit used to process MIGUEL VELEZ;

One set of car keys on an Avis Rental tag;

One key on a tag #269;

One Florida driver's license #V420-540-49-247;

Social Security card #071-80-2491;

One red address book;

One U.S. passport #Z5286996;

Twenty-one business cards (various);

One mechanic's wrench;

One laminated prayer card;

One gray jacket;

One pair shoes (white);

One blue two-piece outfit;

One Mastercard application;

One leather pouch (2" x 3")

One shoestring;

One piece of gold colored metal (white);

Two (2) sets of major case prints of MIGUEL VELEZ

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 2/25/86

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One Amitron watch black band

In addition, SA [redacted] provided the following items: b7C

One set of photocopies of passport, driver's license, social security card, business card, etc., including a large quantity of money which was in possession of Meridian Police Department subsequent to the arrest of MIGUEL VELEZ (26 total pages).

These items were placed in a secure safe at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, office of the FBI.

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On February 21, 1986, the two (2) sets of Major Case Prints of MIGUEL VELEZ were turned over to [redacted] [redacted] LOUISIANA STATE POLICE Laboratory Examiner.

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by SA [redacted]

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MIGUEL VELEZ was interviewed at the EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH PRISON by SA [redacted] FBI, Detective [redacted] Baton Rouge Police Department, Armed Robbery Division, and District Attorney Investigator for East Baton Rouge Parish, [redacted] along with Spanish interpretor [redacted] VELEZ was advised of his rights by Detective [redacted] through interpretor [redacted] and he stated that he understood. VELEZ was being questioned with the killing of BARRY SEAL which occurred on February 19, 1986, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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VELEZ, through Spanish interpretor, [redacted] advised that he did not desire to talk until he had consulted an attorney. VELEZ stated, however, that he was in need of toothpaste, soap, and possibly some cigarettes, along with some Spanish reading material.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

NAME:	MIGUEL VELEZ
SEX:	Male
RACE:	White - Puerto Rican
DATE OF BIRTH:	June 7, 1949
AGE:	36
HEIGHT:	5'11"
WEIGHT:	180 pounds
HAIR:	Black
EYES:	Brown
FACIAL HAIR:	Small mustache
EDUCATION:	2cd grade

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by [redacted] District Attorney's Investigator, Detective [redacted] Baton Rouge Police Department, and SA [redacted] Date dictated 2/25/86

Memorandum

To: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (245D-7)(P)

Date: 2/27/86

From: SA [redacted]

Subject: COINROLL
OO: NEW ORLEANS

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On 2/21/8[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New Orleans, Louisiana, FTS Numbe[redacted] telephonically contacted the Baton Rouge Office of the FBI and advised that his office was very much interested in the passport presented by MIGUEL VELEZ. [redacted] advised that his office in Washington wanted to exami[redacted] recovered passports in this matter.

On the same date [redacted] INS, Washington, D.C., FTS Number [redacted] was contacted. Per request of [redacted] copies of the contents of the passport of MIGUEL VELEZ was transported via facsimile to him. [redacted] advised that his office had an on-going investigation concerning the office in Puerto Rico that issued the passport. [redacted] advised that there was a sealed indictment in the matter regarding the Puerto Rican Office.

[redacted] advised that the matter regarding these passports could be pursued as a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1542 Paragraph 2, regarding passport fraud.

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On February 25, 1986, the ATOMIC ABSORPTION ANALYSIS KIT used to process MIGUEL VELEZ was removed from the Baton Rouge Office of the FBI and transferred to [redacted] Crime Lab Investigator, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE. b7C

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